

GARLAND BEGUN DRESS SUIT WAR.

Attorney-General Was the
Bailey of Cleveland's
First Cabinet.

REBELLED ON PRINCIPLE.

Figured He Had No Time for Fashionable Frills and Frivolities, or Society's Demands.

SO HE STUCK TO THE FROCK.

Mr. Bailey Gives His Reasons for Not Attiring Himself as Do Other Men. Views of Publicists on This Absorbing Subject.

Representative Bailey, of Texas, the leader of the Democratic forces in the House of Representatives, was recently invited to attend a dinner given by President McKinley, at the White House. Mr. Bailey declined the invitation, and later gave as his only reason the fact that he is not the possessor of a dress suit, does not like that form of evening attire, and objects to being the only person present without one. Mr. Bailey has attended other dinners at the national capital, but at all of them has religiously adhered to the frock coat.

Washington, April 4.—One of the first public men of national reputation, if not the first in the United States, to rebel against the wearing of a dress suit was Attorney-General Garland, head of the Department of Justice during Mr. Cleveland's first term.

Cabinet circles, as well as Washington social circles in general, were amazed when it became known that one of the reasons why Attorney-General Garland refused to attend the usual functions of the Administration was because of the fact that he was expected to appear in a dress suit. Asked this evening for his reasons, if he still held any, for his objections to the dress suit, Mr. Garland said:

Garland Gives His Views.
"To begin with, I am not any more prejudiced against what is known as the dress suit than I am against any other special

Bailey, the Democratic leader in the House, who is responsible for the present agitation on the subject of dress suits, are similar to those of Mr. Garland in great part. He says:

"The fact of my not wearing a dress suit is of too little importance to be discussed. Since the knowledge of that fact, though, has started a discussion, I can only say with the old Latin there is no disputing tastes. With myself it is more than a prejudice. I do not like dress suits, and have never worn one. I do not say that I never shall.

"I believe, socially, in the adage that when in Rome you must do as the Romans do. It is a custom at all social affairs of prominence to wear dress suits. As I do not wear one, I therefore decline all such invitations as that extended by President McKinley. My declining such an invitation means nothing else than my dislike to a dress suit."

Friends of Mr. Bailey say there is more method than prejudice in his refusal to wear a dress suit. They intimate that he finds in this an excuse for avoiding the inroads social duties would make on his time. By establishing such a rule for his personal conduct he is able to give time to

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With the horrors of the scurvy-stricken Oakes still fresh in the nautical mind, there comes a wall from Snug Harbor with food as a basis. An aged salt, who has sailed many seas, says the meat is tough. He doesn't like the cook, either, but then that functionary is never popular with the sailors.

"I can't eat this here bloomin' beef, now," the aged salt said yesterday, in logging his complaint. "First off, it's tough, like me boot, and it ain't proper cooked, neither. No mariner can eat such bloomin' grub and feel like a shipshape inmate. Wot are we here for if we don't get proper vittles? That's wot I want to know."

Having registered his kick the aged salt hobbled around to the sunny side of the hospital building to brood over his woes. Imaginary and otherwise, of a stranded tar ending his days in peace and comfort and plenty at his snug retreat on Staten Island.

An Ingrate's Howl.
"Sailors is queer fish, old ones special, afloat or ashore," remarked another specialist mariner when the grumbler had drifted beyond earshot.

"Wot has he got to howl about? Nothin', except he's alive and kickin'. That's all. Did he ever get pie in his life till he rounded to in this here Snug Harbor?"

The enormity of the growler's offense seemed to overwhelm the critic, who has possibly cruised for forty years himself and knows a good thing when he sees it. White-haired and bent, and with his pictorial hands spread out on either knee, this ancient mariner placed himself on record as being satisfied with his lot.

"Wot did he get to eat at sea? The critic went on. "Belayin' pin soup, mostly, with a thump now and then on the head with the bone. That's about the size of it. Havin' disgraced his insatiable these drinks can't go out no more for two months, so they criticizes the meat—good meat it is, wot's the sense—when his teeth is all gone by the board and he's so old he can't taste his vittles, now. Then he says it isn't cooked right, too. Well, there's as many differences of opinion on that head as there's inmates, 999 of 'em, and only one cook. Is he going to stand by for to cook meat 999 different ways at one meal?"

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REV. DR. POTTER IN MORE TROUBLE.

Wife of the Ex-Pastor of the
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The Rev. Dr. Daniel C. Potter is in more trouble. This time it is of a purely domestic nature. His wife has brought suit against him for divorce. The papers were served on Dr. Potter last Thursday afternoon at the place where he is now living, No. 201 East Tenth street, by a process server from the law offices of Howe & Hummel, attorneys for Mrs. Potter.

The complaint sets forth a long array of grievances, covering a period extending from 1891 to the present time. It cites the fact that they were married on May 27, 1873, at Hamilton, N. Y., and that there have been three children, Paul, nineteen years old; Sterling, seventeen, and Dean, fifteen. Mrs. Potter asks for the custody of the children, and a fair share of such property as her husband may own. The complaint names several co-respondents.

Mrs. Potter, whose maiden name was Mary Pearl, a native of Medina, N. Y., is now living in Brooklyn. She is a descendant of Moses Rogers, one of the earliest settlers of Fairfield County, Conn., who received the big tract of land known as Shippan Point from the British Crown. Part of this property she inherited. Her husband, Dr. Potter, built numerous cottages on this